



## 2026 AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, summoned (document 36) and heard from the team representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**No / Driver** 10 - Pierre Gasly

**Competitor** BWT Alpine F1 Team

**Time** 16:44

**Session** Qualifying

**Fact** Car 10 was released from its garage in an unsafe condition.

**Infringement** Breach of Article B1.6.2 b) i) of the FIA F1 Regulations.

**Decision** The Competitor (BWT Alpine F1 Team) is fined €5.000.

**Reason** The Stewards heard from the team representative of Car 10 (Pierre Gasly) and reviewed video and in-car video evidence.

The video evidence showed that, as the car was exiting its garage during the Qualifying session, a component from the left-front wheel assembly detached and rolled through the fast lane before coming to rest in the inner lane of the pit lane.

The team representative acknowledged the mistake and apologised for the lapse. He explained that a mechanic had inadvertently failed to correctly secure the component during the preparation of the car, which resulted in the part detaching when the car left the garage. He further stated that the team had faced logistical challenges as not all parts had arrived in Melbourne in time, which meant that the team could not fully carry out its usual preparation procedures.

The Stewards acknowledge the logistical challenges faced by the team. However, the responsibility for ensuring that a car is released from the garage in a safe condition rests with the Competitor. As a component detached from the left-front wheel assembly when the car exited the garage, the Stewards determined that the car was released in an unsafe condition.

Having considered previous decisions for comparable infringements during Qualifying, the Stewards conclude that a financial penalty is appropriate. Accordingly, the Stewards impose a fine of €5,000 on the Competitor.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 5 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

Decisions of the Stewards are taken independently of the FIA and are based solely on the relevant regulations, guidelines and evidence presented.

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